

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
November 18, 1999

Members Present: Mr. Barnet, Mrs. Berry, Senator Bryan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McTeer, Senator Setzler, Mr. Smith, Mr. Staton, Mrs. Thompson, Representative Townsend

I. **Welcome**

Mr. Barnet welcomed members to the meeting. He expressed his and the Committee's wishes for Mr. Larry Wilson's continuing recovery.

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of October 21 were approved as distributed.

III. **Subcommittee Reports**

- A. **Subcommittee on Academic Standards and Assessments:** Dr. Anderson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee adopted the interim recommendations distributed with the meeting materials.
- B. **Subcommittee on the EIA and Improvement Mechanisms:** Mr. Staton distributed a final report on the EIA budget. He explained the changes in the revenue projection and allocation of funds within the proportionate scheme proposed. The amendment to approve was modified to provide authority for Mr. Staton and staff to prepare materials and related provisos and to transmit the materials to the Governor and legislative leadership. The motion was approved. Mr. Staton indicated the Subcommittee intended to focus intensely on a selected group of the programs next year. This would facilitate deeper understanding of the issues and the programs.
- C. **Subcommittee on Parent Involvement:** Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. She indicated that the Parent Involvement Task Force recommendations had been distributed to superintendents, education leaders and representatives of organizations for comment. The Subcommittee would have a final report at the December meeting.
- D. **Subcommittee on Public Awareness:** Mr. Smith reported on the November 16 roundtable and discussion of future public awareness efforts. He also shared the discussion of the parent Involvement Task Force recommendations.
- E. **Subcommittee on Staff and Administration:** (1) Dr. Anderson provided the Committee with a management plan for the work of the Committee organized around the seven EOC objectives. Dr. Siskind presented a methodology for monitoring and evaluating achievement of the EOC 2010 goal. The members of the Committee asked a number of questions for clarification and agreed that the methodology was sound. (2) Mr. Barnet presented the calendar for the next six months and asked members to schedule their time to be present. (3) Mr. Barnet presented the proposed work schedule for the study team on local leadership quality and engagement. He also recommended that this group complete its work before the study team on resources begins its work. The Committee approved the plan. The Staff and Administration Subcommittee is responsible for this work.

Mr. Barnet informed members that the EOC would appear before the House Committee on Education and Public Works on December 8 and before the Senate Education Committee on January 19. He asked members to schedule these dates. Full information is to be sent later.

IV. **Other Business**

Representative Townsend reported on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study School Choice/ Open Enrollment and the time line for recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45PM.